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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

10 MARI CARTAGENOVA, STEPHANIE
11 MCWILLIAMS, THOMAS SAKOWYCH,
JASPER KO, *individually and on behalf of all*
12 *others similarly situated,*

13 Plaintiffs,

14 v.

15 MGM RESORTS INTERNATIONAL,
16 Defendant

Case No.:

18 Plaintiffs, by and through their attorneys, MICHAEL C. KANE, ESQ., BRADLEY J.
19 MYERS, ESQ., and BRETT J SCHWARTZ, ESQ. of THE702FIRM INJURY ATTORNEYS,
20 state as follows:
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22 **CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

23 Plaintiff Mari Cartagenova, (“Cartagenova” or “Plaintiff Cartagenova”) Stephanie
24 McWilliams, (“McWilliams” or “Plaintiff McWilliams”), Thomas Sakowych (“Sakowych” or
25 “Plaintiff Sakowych”), Jasper Ko (“Ko” or “Plaintiff Ko”), individually and on behalf of all
26 similarly situated persons, by and through their undersigned counsel, files this Class Action
27 Complaint against MGM Resorts International (“MGM” or “Defendant”) and alleges the following
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1 based on personal knowledge of facts pertaining to him, on information and belief, and based on
 2 the investigation of counsel as to all other matters.

3 NATURE OF THE ACTION

4 1. MGM is a gaming and hospitality company that owns and operates 31 hotel and
 5 gaming destinations globally, including 12 hotels on the Las Vegas Strip. MGM is a publicly
 6 traded company and listed on the NASDAQ stock exchange with the ticket symbol “MGM.”¹

7 2. This class action arises out of a recent cyberattack and data breach (“Data Breach”),
 8 which resulted in unauthorized actors viewing and accessing the personally identifiable
 9 information (“PII”) of a significant number of individuals who were members of MGM’s loyalty
 10 program.²

11 3. On or around September 29, 2023, MGM determined that an unauthorized third
 12 party obtained personal information of some of its customers on September 11, 2023.³ MGM
 13 reported that the affected information included names, contact information (such as phone
 14 numbers, email addresses, and postal addresses), genders, dates of birth, and driver’s license
 15 numbers, and for a limited number of customers, social security numbers and/or passport
 16 numbers.⁴

17 4. MGM’s carelessness, negligence, and lack of oversight and supervision caused its
 18 customers to lose all sense of privacy. Plaintiffs and members of the Class have suffered irreparable
 19 harm, including the exposure of their PII to nefarious strangers and their significantly increased
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 24 ¹ Form 8-K, *Sec. and Exchange Comm’n* EDGAR Online (Oct. 5, 2023),
<https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/data/789570/000119312523251667/d461062d8k.htm> (last visited May
 25 17, 2024).

26 ² About MGM Resorts, MGM,
<https://www.mgmresorts.com/en/company.html#:~:text=MGM%20Resorts%20creates%20immersive,%20iconic,sort%20brands%20in%20the%20industry> (last visited May 17, 2024); Las Vegas Hotels, MGM,
<https://www.mgmresorts.com/en/las-vegas-hotels.html> (last visited May 17, 2024).

27 ³ Notice of Data Breach, MGM (Oct. 5, 2023), <https://www.mgmresorts.com/en/notice-of-data-breach.html> (last
 28 visited May 17, 2024).

⁴ *Id.*

1 risk of identity theft. The information at issue here is the very kind of information that allows
 2 identity thieves to construct false identities and invade all aspects of Plaintiffs' and Class members'
 3 lives. In addition to facing the emotional devastation of having such personal information fall into
 4 the wrong hands, Plaintiffs and Class members must now undertake additional security measures
 5 and precautions to minimize their risk of identity theft.

6 5. Plaintiffs' and the Class members' rights were disregarded by MGM's negligent or
 7 reckless failure to take adequate and reasonable measures to ensure its data systems were secure
 8 and the PII entrusted to it would not be stolen. MGM also failed to disclose the material fact that
 9 it did not have adequate information security controls to safeguard PII, failed to take foreseeable
 10 steps to prevent the Data Breach, and failed to monitor and timely detect the Data Breach.

11 6. As a result of the Data Breach, Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII has been and will
 12 continue to be exposed to criminals for misuse.

13 7. Plaintiffs bring this action individually and on behalf of the Class, seeking remedies
 14 including, but not limited to, compensatory damages, reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs,
 15 injunctive relief, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and all other remedies this Court deems
 16 proper.
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18 **PARTIES**

19 8. Plaintiff Cartagenova is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a citizen and
 20 resident of Westford, Massachusetts. Plaintiff Cartagenova is and has been a member of the MGM
 21 Rewards loyalty program since 2001.
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23 9. Plaintiff McWilliams is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a citizen and
 24 resident of the Baker Montana. Plaintiff McWilliams is and has been a member of the MGM
 25 Rewards loyalty program since 2008.
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10. Plaintiff Sakowych is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a citizen and resident of the Las Vegas Nevada. Plaintiff Sakowych is and has been a member of the MGM Rewards loyalty program since 2007.

11. Plaintiff Ko is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a citizen and resident of the Woodlyn Pennsylvania. Plaintiff Ko is and has been a member of the MGM Rewards loyalty program since 2010.

12. Plaintiffs entrusted MGM with their personal information, including their name, address, driver's license number, email address, phone number, Social Security number, and date of birth.

13. In its privacy policy, MGM represented to Plaintiffs and Class members that it is committed to respecting Plaintiffs and Class members' data privacy, and that "[i]nformation maintained in electronic form that is collected by MGM Resorts International and any individual MGM Resort is stored on systems protected by industry standard security measures. These security measures are intended to protect these systems from unauthorized access."⁵

14. Plaintiffs and Class members entrusted confidential PII to MGM for purpose of participating in its loyalty program with the reasonable expectation, and mutual understanding, that MGM would comply with its obligations to keep such information confidential and secure from unauthorized access, including thoroughly vetting all third parties it hired to ensure that they employed adequate data security measures, procedures, protocols, and practices.

15. Because of the Data Breach, Plaintiffs' PII is now in the hands of criminals. Plaintiffs and all Class members are now imminently at risk of crippling future identity theft and fraud.

⁵ Privacy Policy, MGM (Last updated November 1, 2023), <https://www.mgmresorts.com/en/privacy-policy.html> (last visited May 17, 2024).

1 16. After reading the Online Notice, Plaintiffs spent considerable time to take steps to
2 mitigate the adverse consequences of the Data Breach, including reviewing account statements
3 and monitoring credit reports. The Online Notice directed Plaintiffs to take these actions⁶.

4 17. As a direct and proximate result of the Data Breach, Plaintiffs will likely need to
5 continue purchasing a lifetime subscription for identity theft protection and credit monitoring.

6 18. Plaintiffs have been careful to protect and monitor their identities. Plaintiffs have
7 also suffered injury directly and proximately caused by the Data Breach, including: (a) theft of
8 Plaintiffs' valuable PII; (b) damages to and diminution in value of Plaintiffs' PII that was entrusted
9 to MGM with the understanding that MGM would safeguard this information against disclosure;
10 (c) loss of the benefit of the bargain with MGM to provide adequate and reasonable data security—
11 i.e., the difference in value between what Plaintiffs should have received from MGM and MGM's
12 defective and deficient performance of that obligation by failing to provide reasonable and
13 adequate data security and failing to protect Plaintiffs' PII; and (d) continued risk to Plaintiffs' PII,
14 which remains in the possession of MGM and which is subject to further breaches, so long as
15 MGM fails to undertake appropriate and adequate measures to protect the PII that was entrusted
16 to MGM.
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18 19. Defendant MGM is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business
19 located at 3600 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109.
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21 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

22 20. This Court has jurisdiction over this action under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28
23 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2). The amount in controversy exceeds \$5 million, exclusive of interest and
24 costs. At least one member of the Class, defined below, is a citizen of a different state than
25 Defendant, and there are more than 100 putative Class members.
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⁶ Notice of Data Breach, <https://www.mgmresorts.com/en/notice-of-data-breach.html> *supra* n.3.

21. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because its principal place of business is in this District, it regularly transacts business in this District, and upon information and belief, some Class members reside in this District.

22. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a)(1) because Defendant's principal place of business is located in this District and a substantial part of the events giving rise to this action occurred in this District.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

The Data Breach

23. On September 11, 2023, MGM posted a message on social media informing consumers that MGM experienced a cybersecurity issue affecting some of its systems.⁷

24. Through its investigation, MGM determined that an unauthorized actor acquired, among other data, names, contact information (such as phone numbers, email addresses, and postal addresses), genders, dates of birth, and driver's license numbers of certain customers, and for some customers, social security numbers and/or passport numbers.⁸

25. According to news reports, the unauthorized actor is a hacking group known as Scattered Sider (or UNC3944) which is known for using social engineering to trick employees of the target company into granting them access to their network.⁹

26. On or around October 5, 2023, MGM filed a Form 8-K with the SEC to alert investors and shareholders that the Data Breach will have a negative impact on third quarter 2023 results.¹⁰

⁷ See Sean Morrison, *The chaotic and cinematic MGM casino hack, explained*, Vox (last updated Oct. 6, 2023), <https://www.vox.com/technology/2023/9/15/23875113/mgm-hack-casino-vishing-cybersecurity-ransomware> (last visited May 17, 2024).

⁸ Notice of Data Breach, <https://www.mgmresorts.com/en/notice-of-data-breach.html> *supra* n.3.

⁹ Carly Page & Zack Whittaker, *Hackers claim MGM cyberattack as outage drags into fourth day*, TECHCRUNCH (Sept. 14, 2023), <https://techcrunch.com/2023/09/14/mgm-cyberattack-outage-scattered-spider/> (May 17, 2024).

¹⁰ Form 8-K, <https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/data/789570/000119312523251667/d461062d8k.htm> *supra* n. 1.

27. Also, around that time, MGM published an informational website regarding the Data Breach. While the website did not provide much detail about the scope and breadth of the Breach, it did state that at a minimum that phone numbers, email addresses, postal addresses, genders, dates of birth, and driver's license numbers of some of its customers were impacted, and that for a certain number of customers, social security numbers and/or passport numbers were also affected.¹¹ MGM stated that it is offering credit monitoring and identity theft protection services to customers impacted by the Data Breach.¹²

28. MGM is responsible for allowing the Data Breach to occur because it failed to implement and maintain reasonable safeguards, failed to comply with industry-standard data Security practices, as well as federal and state laws and regulations governing data security, and failed to supervise, monitor, and oversee all third parties it hired who had access to Plaintiffs' and the Class members' PII.

29. During the Data Breach, MGM failed to adequately monitor its information technology infrastructure. Had MGM done so, it would have prevented or mitigated the scope and impact of the Data Breach.

30. Plaintiffs and Class members provided their PII to MGM with the reasonable expectation and mutual understanding that MGM would comply with its obligations to keep such information confidential and secure from unauthorized access.

31. MGM's data security obligations were particularly important given the substantial increase in cyber and ransomware attacks and data breaches in the gaming and hospitality industries preceding the date of the Data Breach, as well as given the incredibly sensitive nature of PII that it retained in its servers.

¹¹ Notice of Data Breach, <https://www.mgmresorts.com/en/notice-of-data-breach.html> *supra* n.3.

¹² *Id.*

32. By obtaining, collecting, and using Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII, MGM assumed legal and equitable duties and knew or should have known that it was responsible for protecting Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII from disclosure.

33. As a result of MGM's failure to protect sensitive PII it was entrusted with, Plaintiffs and Class members are at a significant risk of identity theft, financial fraud, and other identity-related fraud into the indefinite future. Plaintiffs and Class members have also lost the inherent value of their PII.

MGM Was on Notice of Data Breach Threats and the Inadequacy of Its Data Security

34. MGM's data security obligations were especially important given the substantial increase in cyberattacks and data breaches in recent years. In 2022, there were 1,802 reported data breaches, affecting approximately 422 million individuals.¹³

35. MGM should have been aware—and was aware—that it was at risk of an internal data breach that could expose the PII that it collected and maintained.

36. Despite this, MGM failed to take the necessary precautions required to safeguard Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII from unauthorized access.

MGM Failed to Comply with Statutory and Regulatory Obligations

37. Federal and State governments have established security standards and issued recommendations to minimize data breaches and the resulting harm to individuals and financial institutions. The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") has issued numerous guides for businesses that highlight the importance of reasonable data security practices. According to the FTC, the need for data security should be factored into all business decision-making.¹⁴

¹³ 2022 Data Breach Report, IDENTITY THEFT RES. CTR., <https://www.idtheftcenter.org/publication/2022-data-breach-report/> (last visited May 17, 2024).

¹⁴ See *Start With Security: A Guide for Business*, FTC (June 2015), <https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/documents/plain-language/pdf0205-startwithsecurity.pdf> (last visited May 17, 2024).

38. In 2016, the FTC updated its publication, *Protecting Personal Information: A Guide for Business*, which establishes guidelines for fundamental data security principles and practices for business.¹⁵ Among other things, the guidelines note businesses should properly dispose of personal information that is no longer needed; encrypt information stored on computer networks; understand their network's vulnerabilities; and implement policies to correct security problems. The guidelines also recommend that businesses use an intrusion detection system to expose a breach as soon as it occurs; monitor all incoming traffic for activity indicating that someone is attempting to hack the system; watch for large amounts of data being transmitted from the system; and have a response plan ready in the event of a breach.¹⁶

39. Additionally, the FTC recommends that companies limit access to sensitive data, require complex passwords for network access, use industry-tested methods for security, monitor for suspicious activity on the network, and verify that third-party service providers have implemented reasonable security measures.¹⁷

40. The FTC has brought enforcement actions against businesses for failing to adequately and reasonably protect PII, treating the failure to employ reasonable and appropriate measures to protect against unauthorized access to confidential consumer data as an unfair act or practice prohibited by Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act ("FTC Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 45. Orders resulting from these actions further clarify the measures businesses must take to meet their data security obligations.¹⁸

¹⁵ *Protecting Personal Information: A Guide for Business*, FTC (Oct. 2016), <https://www.ftc.gov/business-guidance/resources/protecting-personal-information-guide-business> (last visited May 17, 2024).

¹⁶ *Id.*

¹⁷ *See Start With Security: A Guide for Business*, FTC, *supra* n. 14.

¹⁸ *See Privacy and Security Enforcement Press Releases*, FTC, <https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/media-resources/protecting-consumer-privacy/privacy-security-enforcement> (last visited May 17, 2024).

1 41. MGM also failed to comply with commonly accepted industry standards for data
 2 security. Security standards commonly accepted among businesses that store PII using the internet
 3 include, without limitation:

- 4 • Maintaining a secure firewall configuration;
- 5 • Maintaining appropriate design, systems, and controls to limit user access to certain
- 6 information as necessary;
- 7 • Monitoring for suspicious or irregular traffic to servers;
- 8 • Monitoring for suspicious credentials used to access servers;
- 9 • Monitoring for suspicious or irregular activity by known users;
- 10 • Monitoring for suspicious or unknown users;
- 11 • Monitoring for suspicious or irregular server requests;
- 12 • Monitoring for server requests for PII;
- 13 • Monitoring for server requests from VPNs; and
- 14 • Monitoring for server requests from Tor exit nodes.

15 42. MGM is also required by various states' laws and regulations to protect Plaintiffs'
 16 and Class members' PII and to handle any breach of the same in accordance with applicable breach
 17 notification statutes.

18 43. In addition to its obligations under federal and state laws, MGM owed a duty to
 19 Plaintiffs and Class members whose PII were entrusted to MGM to exercise reasonable care in
 20 obtaining, retaining, securing, safeguarding, deleting, and protecting the PII in its possession from
 21 being compromised, lost, stolen, accessed, and misused by unauthorized persons. MGM owed a
 22 duty to Plaintiffs and Class members to provide reasonable security, including consistency with
 23 industry standards and requirements, and to ensure that its systems and networks adequately
 24 protected the PII of Plaintiffs and Class members.

1 44. MGM owed a duty to Plaintiffs and Class members whose PII was entrusted to
2 MGM to design, maintain, and test its systems to ensure that the PII in MGM's possession was
3 adequately secured and protected.

4 45. MGM owed a duty to Plaintiffs and Class members whose PII was entrusted to
5 MGM to create and implement reasonable data security practices and procedures to protect the PII
6 in its possession.

7 46. MGM owed a duty to Plaintiffs and Class members whose PII was entrusted to
8 MGM to implement processes that would detect a breach on its data security systems in a timely
9 manner.
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11 47. MGM owed a duty to Plaintiffs and Class members whose PII was entrusted to
12 MGM to act upon data security warnings and alerts in a timely fashion.

13 48. MGM owed a duty to Plaintiffs and class members whose PII was entrusted to
14 MGM to disclose if its systems and data security practices were inadequate to safeguard
15 individuals' PII from theft because such an inadequacy would be a material fact in the decision to
16 entrust PII to MGM.
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18 49. MGM owed a duty to Plaintiffs and Class members whose PII was entrusted to
19 MGM to disclose in a timely and accurate manner when data breaches occurred.

20 50. MGM owed a duty of care to Plaintiffs and Class members because they were
21 foreseeable and probable victims of any inadequacy in its affirmative development of the systems
22 to maintain PII and in its affirmative maintenance of those systems.
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24 51. In this case, MGM was fully aware of its obligation to use reasonable measures to
25 protect the PII of its customers. MGM also knew it was a target for hackers. But despite
26 understanding the consequences of inadequate data security, MGM failed to comply with industry-
27 standard data security requirements.
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The Effect of the Data Breach on Impacted Consumers

52. The exponential cost to Plaintiffs and Class members resulting from the Data Breach cannot be overstated. Criminals can use victims' PII to open new financial accounts, incur charges in credit, obtain governmental benefits and identifications, fabricate identities, and file fraudulent tax returns well before a person whose PII was stolen becomes aware of it.¹⁹ Any one of these instances of identity theft can have devastating consequences for the victim, causing years of often irreversible damage to their credit scores, financial stability, and personal security.

53. Defendant was or should have been aware that it was collecting highly valuable data, which has increasingly been the target of data breaches in recent years.

54. The link between a data breach and the risk of identity theft is simple and well established. Criminals acquire and steal PII to monetize the information. Criminals monetize the data by selling the stolen information on the black market to other criminals who then utilize the information to commit a variety of identity theft related crimes discussed below.

55. The exposure of any PII can cause unexpected harms one would not ordinarily associate with the type of information stolen. Cybercriminals routinely aggregate Private Information from multiple illicit sources and use stolen information to gather even more information through social engineering, credential stuffing, and other methods. The resulting complete dossiers of PII are particularly prized among cybercriminals because they expose the target to every manner of identity theft and fraud.

56. Identity thieves can use PII such as that exposed in the Data Breach to: (a) apply for credit cards or loans (b) purchase prescription drugs or other medical services (c) commit

¹⁹ See *Personal Information: Data Breaches Are Frequent, but Evidence of Resulting Identity Theft Is Limited; However, the Full Extent Is Unknown*, GAO-07-737 (June 2007), <https://www.gao.gov/assets/gao-07-737.pdf> (last visited May 17, 2024); see also Melanie Lockert, *How do hackers use your information for identity theft?*, CREDITKARMA (Oct. 1, 2021), <https://www.creditkarma.com/id-theft/i/how-hackers-use-your-information> (last visited May 17, 2024); see also Ravi Sen, *Here's how much your personal information is worth to cybercriminals – and what they do with it*, PBS (May 14, 2021), <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/science/heres-how-much-your-personal-information-is-worth-to-cybercriminals-and-what-they-do-with-it> (last visited December 20, 2023); see also Alison Grace Johansen, *4 Lasting Effects of Identity Theft*, LIFELOCK BY NORTON (Feb. 4, 2021), <https://lifelock.norton.com/learn/identity-theft-resources/lasting-effects-of-identity-theft> (last visited May 17, 2024).

1 immigration fraud; (d) obtain a fraudulent driver's license or ID card in the victim's name; (e)
 2 obtain fraudulent government benefits or insurance benefits; (f) file a fraudulent tax return using
 3 the victim's information; (g) commit espionage; or (h) commit any number of other frauds, such
 4 as obtaining a job, procuring housing, or giving false information to police during an arrest.

5 *Diminution of Value of PII*

6 57. PII is valuable property.²⁰ Its value is axiomatic, considering the value of Big Data
 7 in corporate America and that the consequences of cyber thefts include heavy prison sentences.
 8 Even this obvious risk-to-reward analysis illustrates, beyond doubt, that PII has considerable
 9 market value.
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11 58. The PII stolen in the Data Breach is significantly more valuable than the loss of
 12 credit card information in a large retailer data breach. Victims affected by those retailer breaches
 13 could avoid much of the potential future harm by simply cancelling credit or debit cards and
 14 obtaining replacements.
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16 59. This type of data commands a much higher price on the dark web. As Martin
 17 Walter, senior director at cybersecurity firm RedSeal, explained: "Compared to credit card
 18 information, personally identifiable information ... [is] worth more than 10x on the black
 19 market."²¹

20 60. Sensitive PII can sell for as much as \$363 per record according to the Infosec
 21 Institute.²²
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24 ²⁰ See Personal Information: Data Breaches Are Frequent, but Evidence of Resulting Identity Theft Is Limited;
 25 However, the Full Extent Is Unknown, GAO-07-737 (June 2007), <https://www.gao.gov/new.items/d07737.pdf>, at 2
 (last visited May 17, 2024).

26 ²¹ Tim Greene, Anthem Hack: Personal Data Stolen Sells for 10x Price of Stolen Credit Card Numbers, IT WORLD
 (Feb. 6, 2015), <https://www.networkworld.com/article/2880366/anthem-hack-personal-data-stolen-sells-for-10x-price-of-stolen-credit-card-numbers.html> (last visited May 17, 2024).

27 ²² See, e.g., John T. Soma, et al., Corporate Privacy Trend: The "Value" of Personally Identifiable Information
 28 ("Private Information") Equals the "Value" of Financial Assets, 15 RICH. J.L. & TECH. 11, at *3-4 (2009)
 ("Private Information, which companies obtain at little cost, has quantifiable value that is rapidly reaching a level
 comparable to the value of traditional financial assets.") (citations omitted).

61. An Active and robust legitimate marketplace for PII also exists. In 2019, the data brokering industry was worth roughly \$200 billion.²³ Indeed, a Social Security number, date of birth, and full name can sell for \$60 to \$80 on the digital black market.²⁴

62. As a result of the Data Breach, Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII, which has an inherent market value in both legitimate and dark markets, has been damaged and diminished by its compromise and unauthorized release. However, this transfer of value occurred without any consideration paid to Plaintiffs or Class members for their property, resulting in an economic loss. Moreover, the PII is now readily available, and the rarity of the data has been lost, thereby causing additional loss of value.

63. The fraudulent activity resulting from the Data Breach may not become known for years.

64. Plaintiffs and Class members now face years of constant surveillance of their financial and personal records, monitoring, and loss of rights. Plaintiffs and Class members are incurring and will continue to incur such damages in addition to any fraudulent use of their PII.

65. Defendant was, or should have been, fully aware of the unique type and the significant volume of data on Defendant's network, amounting to millions of individuals' detailed PII and thus the significant number of individuals who would be harmed by the exposure of the unencrypted data.

66. The injuries to Plaintiffs and Class members were directly and proximately caused by Defendant's failure to implement or maintain adequate data security measures for the PII of Plaintiffs and Class members.

Loss of Time to Mitigate the Risk of Identity Theft and Fraud

²³ David Lazarus, Column: Shadowy data brokers make the most of their invisibility cloak, L.A. TIMES (Nov. 5, 2019), <https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2019-11-05/column-data-brokers> (last visited May 17, 2024).

²⁴ Michael Kan, *Here's How Much Your Identity Goes for on the Dark Web*, PCMAG (Nov. 15, 2017), <https://www.pcmag.com/news/heres-how-much-your-identity-goes-for-on-the-dark-web> (last visited May 17, 2024).

67. As a result of the recognized risk of identity theft, when a data breach occurs and an individual is notified by a company that their PII was compromised, as in this Data Breach, the reasonable person is expected to take steps and spend time to address the dangerous situation, learn about the breach, and otherwise mitigate the risk of becoming a victim of identity theft or fraud. Failure to spend time taking steps to review accounts or credit reports could expose the individual to greater financial harm.

68. Class members have spent, and will spend, time on a variety of prudent actions, such as researching and verifying the legitimacy of the Data Breach upon seeing news reports and monitoring their credit reports and financial accounts for suspicious activity, as MGM advised in its online notice.²⁵

69. These mitigation efforts are consistent with the U.S. Government Accountability Office that released a report in 2007 regarding data breaches, in which it noted that victims of identity theft will face “substantial costs and time to repair the damage to their good name and credit record.”²⁶

70. Plaintiffs’ mitigation efforts are also consistent with the steps the FTC recommends data breach victims take to protect their personal and financial information after a data breach, including: contacting one of the credit bureaus to place a fraud alert (and considering an extended fraud alert that lasts for seven years if someone steals their identity), reviewing their credit reports, contacting companies to remove fraudulent charges from their accounts, placing a credit freeze on their credit, and correcting their credit reports.²⁷

²⁵ See Notice of Data Breach, <https://www.mgmresorts.com/en/notice-of-data-breach.html>, supra n.3. (Last visited May 17, 2024)

²⁶ See Personal Information: Data Breaches Are Frequent, but Evidence of Resulting Identity Theft Is Limited; However, the Full Extent Is Unknown, GAO-07-737, supra n.19.

²⁷ See Identity Theft.gov, FTC, <https://www.identitytheft.gov/Steps> (last visited May 17, 2024).

71. Plaintiffs and Class members now face years of constant surveillance of their financial and personal records, monitoring, and loss of rights. Plaintiffs and Class members are incurring and will continue to incur such damages in addition to any fraudulent use of their PII.

72. Defendant was, or should have been, fully aware of the unique type and the significant volume of data on Defendant's network, amounting to millions of individuals' detailed PII and, thus, the significant number of individuals who would be harmed by the exposure of the unencrypted data.

73. The injuries to Plaintiffs and Class members were directly and proximately caused by Defendant's failure to implement or maintain adequate data security measures for the PII of Plaintiffs and Class members.

Impact of Identity Theft Can Have Ripple Effects

74. Reimbursing a consumer for a financial loss due to fraud does not make that individual whole again. On the contrary, in addition to the irreparable damage that may result from the theft of a Social Security number, identity theft victims must spend numerous hours and their own money repairing the impact to their credit. The Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics found that identity theft victims "reported spending an average of about 7 hours clearing up the issues" and resolving the consequences of fraud in 2014.

75. And, the impact of identity theft can have ripple effects, which can adversely affect the future financial trajectories of victims' lives. For example, the Identity Theft Resource Center reports that respondents to their surveys in 2013-2016 described the identity theft they experienced affected their ability to get credit cards and obtain loans such as student loans or mortgages.²⁸ For

²⁸ *Identity Theft: The Aftermath 2017*, IDENTITY THEFT RES. CTR., https://www.idtheftcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/images/page-docs/Aftermath_2017.pdf (last visited May 17, 2024).

1 some victims, this could mean the difference between going to college or not, becoming a
 2 homeowner or not, or having to take out a high interest payday loan versus a lower interest loan.

3 76. It is no wonder then that identity theft exacts a severe emotional toll on its victims.

4 77. The 2017 Identity Theft Resource Center survey²⁹ evidences the emotional
 5 suffering experienced by victims of identity theft:

- 6 • 75% of respondents reported feeling severely distressed;
- 7 • 67% reported anxiety;
- 8 • 66% reported feelings of fear for the financial safety of family members;
- 9 • 24% reported fear for their physical safety;
- 10 • 15.2% reported that a relationship ended or was severely and negatively impacted
- 11 by the identity theft; and
- 12 • 7% reported feeling suicidal.

13 78. Identity theft can also exact a physical toll on its victims. The same survey reported
 14 that respondents experienced physical symptoms stemming from their experience with identity
 15 theft:

- 16 • 48.3% of respondents reported sleep disturbances;
- 17 • 37.1% reported an inability to concentrate and/or lack of focus;
- 18 • 28.7% reported that they were unable to go to work because of physical symptoms;
- 19 • 23.1% reported new physical illnesses, including aches and pains, heart
- 20 palpitations, sweating, and/or stomach issues;
- 21 • 12.6% reported a start or relapse into unhealthy or addictive behaviors.³⁰

22 ²⁹ *Id.*

23 ³⁰ *Id.*

79. There may also be a significant time lag between when PII is stolen and when it is actually misused. According to the U.S. Government Accountability Office, which conducted a study regarding data breaches:

[L]aw enforcement officials told us that in some cases, stolen data may be held for up to a year or more before being used to commit identity theft. Further, once stolen data have been sold or posted on the Web, fraudulent use of that information may continue for years. As a result, studies that attempt to measure the harm resulting from data breaches cannot necessarily rule out all future harm.³¹

80. As the result of the Data Breach, Plaintiffs and class members have suffered and/or will suffer or continue to suffer economic loss, a substantial risk of future identity theft, and other actual harm for which they are entitled to damages, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Losing the inherent value of their PII;
- Losing the value of Defendant's implicit promises of adequate data security;
- Identity theft and fraud resulting from the theft of their PII;
- Costs associated with the detection and prevention of identity theft and unauthorized use of their PII;
- Costs associated with purchasing credit monitoring and identity theft protection services;
- Unauthorized charges and loss of use of and access to their financial account funds and costs associated with inability to obtain money from their accounts or being limited in the amount of money they were permitted to obtain from their accounts, including missed payments on bills and loans, late charges and fees, and adverse effects on their credit;

³¹ *Personal Information: Data Breaches Are Frequent, but Evidence of Resulting Identity Theft Is Limited; However, the Full Extent Is Unknown*, GAO-07-737, *supra* n.19.

- Lowered credit scores resulting from credit inquiries following fraudulent activities;
- Costs associated with time spent and the loss of productivity or the enjoyment of one's life from taking time to address and attempt to mitigate and address the actual and future consequences of the Data Breach, including discovering fraudulent charges, cancelling and reissuing cards, purchasing credit monitoring and identity theft protection services, imposing withdrawal and purchase limits on compromised accounts, and the stress, nuisance and annoyance of dealing with the repercussions of the Data Breach; and
- The continued imminent and certainly impending injury flowing from potential fraud and identity theft posed by their PII being in the possession of one or many unauthorized third parties.

81. Additionally, Plaintiffs and Class members place significant value in data security.

82. Because of the value consumers place on data privacy and security, companies with robust data security practices can command higher prices than those who do not. Indeed, if consumers did not value their data security and privacy, companies like Defendant would have no reason to tout their data security efforts to their actual and potential customers.

83. Consequently, had consumers known the truth about Defendant's data security practices—that Defendant would not adequately protect and store their data—they would not have entrusted their PII to Defendant, purchased insurance that included Defendant's services, or paid as much for such services or benefits.

84. As such, Plaintiffs and Class members did not receive the benefit of their bargain with Defendant because they entrusted their PII and purchased accommodations, dining, gaming

1 and other goods and services with the reasonable expectation that Defendant would adequately
 2 protect and store their data, which it did not.

3 CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

4 85. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every fact, matter, and allegation set forth
 5 above and incorporates them at this point by reference as though set forth in full.

6 86. Plaintiffs brings this action on behalf of himself and the members of the proposed
 7 Class, which consists of:

8 All individuals residing in the United States whose personal identifiable information was
 9 compromised as a result of the Data Breach.

10 87. Excluded from the Class are Defendant, any entity in which Defendant has a
 11 controlling interest, and Defendant's officers, directors, legal representatives, successors,
 12 subsidiaries, and assigns. Also excluded from the Class is any judge, justice, or judicial officer
 13 presiding over this matter and members of their immediate families and judicial staff.

14 88. Plaintiffs reserves the right to amend the above definition or to propose subclasses
 15 before the Court determines whether certification is appropriate.

16 89. Numerosity: The proposed Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is
 17 impracticable. Defendant has reported that the total number of individuals affected in the Data
 18 Breach may be in the tens of millions.

19 90. Typicality: Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the Class. Plaintiffs and all
 20 members of the Class were injured through Defendant's uniform misconduct. The same event and
 21 conduct that gave rise to Plaintiffs' claims are identical to those that give rise to the claims of every
 22 other Class member because Plaintiffs and each member of the Class had their sensitive PII
 23 compromised in the same way by the same conduct of Defendant.

24 91. Adequacy: Plaintiffs is an adequate representative of the Class because Plaintiffs'
 25 interests do not conflict with the interests of the Class; Plaintiffs have retained competent counsel
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1 who are experienced in prosecuting complex class action and data breach class action litigation;
 2 and Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' counsel intend to prosecute this action vigorously. The interests of
 3 the Class will be fairly and adequately protected by Plaintiffs and their counsel.

4 92. Superiority: A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and
 5 efficient adjudication of this lawsuit because individual litigation of the claims of all members of
 6 the Class is economically unfeasible and procedurally impracticable. The injury suffered by each
 7 individual member of the Class is relatively small in comparison to the burden and expense of
 8 individual prosecution of litigation. It would be exceedingly difficult for members of the Class to
 9 effectively redress Defendant's wrongdoing. Further, individualized litigation presents a potential
 10 or inconsistent or contradictory judgments.

11 93. Commonality and Predominance: There are numerous questions of law and fact
 12 common to the Class which predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of
 13 the Class.

14 94. Among the questions of law and fact common to the Class are:

- 15 a. Whether Defendant engaged in the wrongful conduct alleged herein;
- 16 b. Whether Defendant failed to adequately safeguard Plaintiffs' and the Class's
- 17 PII;
- 18 c. Whether Defendant negligently hired and/or failed to supervise the third-party
- 19 vendor it hired and gave access to Plaintiffs' and the Class's PII;
- 20 d. Whether Defendant owed a duty to Plaintiffs and the Class to adequately protect
- 21 their PII, and whether it breached this duty;
- 22 e. Whether Defendant breached its duties to Plaintiffs and the Class as a result of
- 23 the Data Breach;
- 24 f. Whether Defendant's conduct, including its failure to act, resulted in or was the
- 25 proximate cause of the breach;
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- g. Whether Defendant was negligent in permitting the third-party access to Plaintiffs' and the Class's PII;
- h. Whether Defendant was negligent in failing to adhere to reasonable retention policies, thereby greatly increasing the size of the Data Breach;
- i. Whether Defendant failed to adequately respond to the Data Breach, including failing to investigate it diligently and notify affected individuals in the most expedient time possible and without unreasonable delay, and whether this caused damages to Plaintiffs and the Class;
- j. Whether Defendant continues to breach duties to Plaintiffs and the Class;
- k. Whether Plaintiffs and the Class suffered injury as a proximate result of Defendant's negligent actions or failures to act;
- l. Whether Plaintiffs and the Class are entitled to recover damages, equitable relief, and other relief; and
- m. Whether Defendant's actions alleged herein constitute gross negligence, and whether Plaintiffs and Class members are entitled to punitive damages.

CAUSES OF ACTION
FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
NEGLIGENCE
(By Plaintiffs and on Behalf of the Class)

95. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every fact, matter, and allegation set forth above and incorporates them at this point by reference as though set forth in full.

96. Defendant owed a duty of care to Plaintiffs and Class members to use reasonable means to secure and safeguard the entrusted PII, to prevent its unauthorized access and disclosure, to guard it from theft, and to detect any attempted or actual breach of its systems, as alleged herein. These common law duties existed because Plaintiffs and Class members were the foreseeable and probable victims of any inadequate security practices in Defendant's affirmative development and

1 maintenance of its data security systems and its hiring of third-party providers entrusted with
 2 accessing, storing, safeguarding, handling, collecting, and/or protecting Plaintiffs' and Class
 3 members' PII. In fact, not only was it foreseeable that Defendant and Class members would be
 4 harmed by the failure to protect their PII because hackers routinely attempt to steal such
 5 information and use it for nefarious purposes, but Defendant also knew that it was more likely than
 6 not that Plaintiffs and other Class members would be harmed by such exposure and theft of their
 7 PII.

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 9 97. Defendant's duties to use reasonable security measures also arose as a result of a
 10 special relationship with Plaintiffs and Class members as a result of being entrusted with their PII,
 11 which provided an independent duty of care. Plaintiffs' and Class members' willingness to entrust
 12 Defendant with their PII was predicated on the understanding that Defendant would take adequate
 13 security precautions. Moreover, Defendant was capable of protecting its network and systems, and
 14 the PII it stored on them, from unauthorized access.

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 16 98. Defendant's duties to use reasonable data security measures also arose under
 17 Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, which prohibits "unfair . . . practices in or affecting
 18 commerce," including, as interpreted and enforced by the FTC, the unfair practice of failing to use
 19 reasonable measures to protect PII. Various FTC publications and data security breach orders
 20 further form the basis of Defendant's duties.

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 22 99. Defendant breached the aforementioned duties when it failed to use security
 23 practices that would protect the PII provided to it by Plaintiffs and Class members, thus resulting
 24 in unauthorized exposure and access to Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII.

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 26 100. Defendant further breached the aforementioned duties by failing to design, adopt,
 27 implement, control, manage, monitor, update, and audit its processes, controls, policies,
 28 procedures, and protocols to comply with the applicable laws and safeguard and protect Plaintiffs'
 and Class members' PII within its possession, custody, and control.

1 101. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendant's failure to use appropriate security
2 practices and failure to select a third-party provider with adequate data security measures, Mr.
3 Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII was exposed, disseminated, and made available to unauthorized
4 third parties.

5 102. Defendant admitted that Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII was wrongfully
6 disclosed as a result of the Data Breach.

7 103. The Data Breach caused direct and substantial damage to Plaintiffs and Class
8 members, as well as the likelihood of future and imminent harm through the dissemination of their
9 PII and the greatly enhanced risk of credit fraud and identity theft.

10 104. By engaging in the foregoing acts and omissions, Defendant committed the
11 common law tort of negligence. For all the reasons stated above, Defendant's conduct was
12 negligent and departed from reasonable standards of care including by, but not limited to failing
13 to adequately limit access to and protect the PII; failing to conduct regular security audits; and
14 failing to provide adequate and appropriate supervision of persons having access to Plaintiffs' and
15 Class members' PII.

16 105. But for Defendant's wrongful and negligent breach of its duties owed to Plaintiffs
17 and Class members, their PII would not have been compromised.

18 106. Neither Plaintiffs nor Class members contributed to the Data Breach or subsequent
19 misuse of their PII as described in this Complaint.

20 107. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's negligence, Plaintiffs and Class
21 members have been injured and are entitled to damages in an amount to be proven at trial. Such
22 injuries include one or more of the following: ongoing, imminent, certainly impending threat of
23 identity theft crimes, fraud, and other misuse, resulting in monetary loss and economic harm; actual
24 identity theft crimes, fraud, and other misuse, resulting in monetary loss and economic harm; loss
25 of the value of their privacy and the confidentiality of the stolen PII; illegal sale of the
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1 compromised PII on the black market; mitigation expenses and time spent on credit monitoring,
 2 identity theft insurance, and credit freezes and unfreezes; time spent in response to the Data Breach
 3 investigating the nature of the Data Breach not fully disclosed by Defendant, reviewing bank
 4 statements, payment card statements, and credit reports; expenses and time spent initiating fraud
 5 alerts; decreased credit scores and ratings; lost work time; lost value of the PII; lost benefit of their
 6 bargains and overcharges for services; and other economic and non-economic harm.

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 8 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**
 9 **NEGLIGENCE *PER SE***
 10 **(By Plaintiffs and on Behalf of the Class)**

11 108. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every fact, matter, and allegation set forth
 12 above and incorporates them at this point by reference as though set forth in full.

13 109. Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, prohibits “unfair . . . practices in or
 14 affecting commerce” including, as interpreted and enforced by the FTC, the unfair act or practice
 15 by Defendant of failing to use reasonable measures to protect PII. Various FTC publications and
 16 orders also form the basis of Defendant’s duty.

17 110. Defendant violated Section 5 of the FTC Act (and similar state statutes) by failing
 18 to use reasonable measures to protect PII and not complying with industry standards. Defendant’s
 19 conduct was particularly unreasonable given the nature and amount of PII obtained and stored and
 20 the foreseeable consequences of a data breach.

21 111. Defendant’s violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act (and similar state statutes)
 22 constitutes negligence per se.

23 112. Plaintiffs and Class members are consumers within the class of persons Section 5
 24 of the FTC Act (and similar state statutes) were intended to protect.

25 113. Moreover, the harm that has occurred is the type of harm the FTC Act (and similar
 26 state statutes) was intended to guard against. Indeed, the FTC has pursued over fifty enforcement
 27 actions against businesses which, as a result of Defendant’s failure to employ reasonable data
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1 security measures and avoid unfair and deceptive practices, caused the same harm suffered by
 2 Plaintiffs and Class members.

3 114. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's negligence, Plaintiffs and Class
 4 members have been injured and are entitled to damages in an amount to be proven at trial. Such
 5 injuries include one or more of the following: ongoing, imminent, certainly impending threat of
 6 identity theft crimes, fraud, and other misuse, resulting in monetary loss and economic harm; actual
 7 identity theft crimes, fraud, and other misuse, resulting in monetary loss and economic harm; loss
 8 of the value of their privacy and the confidentiality of the stolen PII; illegal sale of the
 9 compromised PII on the black market; mitigation expenses and time spent on credit monitoring,
 10 identity theft insurance, and credit freezes and unfreezes; time spent in response to the Data Breach
 11 investigating the nature of the Data Breach not fully disclosed by Defendant, reviewing bank
 12 statements, payment card statements, and credit reports; expenses and time spent initiating fraud
 13 alerts; decreased credit scores and ratings; lost work time; lost value of the PII; lost benefit of their
 14 bargains and overcharges for services; and other economic and non-economic harm.

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 17 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**
 18 **BREACH OF IMPLIED CONTRACT**
 19 **(By Plaintiffs and on behalf of the Class)**

20 115. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every fact, matter, and allegation set forth
 21 above and incorporates them at this point by reference as though set forth in full.

22 116. Plaintiffs and Class members entered into an implied contract with MGM when
 23 they obtained products or services from MGM, joined the loyalty program, or otherwise provided
 24 PII to MGM.

25 117. As part of these transactions, MGM agreed to safeguard and protect the PII of
 26 Plaintiffs and Class members and to timely and accurately notify them if their PII was breached or
 27 compromised.
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118. Plaintiffs and Class members entered into the implied contracts with the reasonable expectation that MGM's data security practices and policies were reasonable and consistent with legal requirements and industry standards. Plaintiffs and Class members believed that MGM would use part of the monies paid to MGM under the implied contracts or the monies obtained from the benefits derived from the PII they provided to fund proper and reasonable data security practices.

119. Plaintiffs and Class members would not have provided and entrusted their PII to MGM or would have paid less for MGM products or services in the absence of the implied contract or implied terms between them and MGM. The safeguarding of the PII of Plaintiffs and Class members was critical to realize the intent of the parties.

120. Plaintiffs and Class members fully performed their obligations under the implied contracts with MGM.

121. MGM breached its implied contracts with Plaintiffs and Class members to protect their PII when it (1) failed to take reasonable steps to use safe and secure systems to protect that information; and (2) disclosed that information to unauthorized third parties.

122. As a direct and proximate result of MGM's breach of implied contract, Plaintiffs and Class members have been injured and are entitled to damages in an amount to be proven at trial. Such injuries include one or more of the following: ongoing, imminent, certainly impending threat of identity theft crimes, fraud, and other misuse, resulting in monetary loss and economic harm; actual identity theft crimes, fraud, and other misuse, resulting in monetary loss and economic harm; loss of the value of their privacy and the confidentiality of the stolen PII; illegal sale of the compromised PII on the black market; mitigation expenses and time spent on credit monitoring, identity theft insurance, and credit freezes and unfreezes; time spent in response to the Data Breach reviewing bank statements, credit card statements, and credit reports, among other related activities; expenses and time spent initiating fraud alerts; decreased credit scores and ratings; lost work time; lost value of the PII; the amount of the actuarial present value of ongoing high-quality

identity defense and credit monitoring services made necessary as mitigation measures because of MGM's Data Breach; lost benefit of their bargains and overcharges for services or products; nominal and general damages; and other economic and non-economic harm.

**FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION
UNJUST ENRICHMENT
(In the alternative)
(By Plaintiffs and on Behalf of the Class)**

123. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every fact, matter, and allegation set forth above and incorporates them at this point by reference as though set forth in full.

124. This claim is pleaded in the alternative to the Breach of Implied contract claim set forth in the Third Cause of Action.

125. Plaintiffs and Class members have an interest, both equitable and legal, in the PII about them that was conferred upon, collected by, and maintained by Defendant and that was ultimately stolen in the Data Breach.

126. Defendant benefitted from the conferral upon it of the PII pertaining to Plaintiffs and Class members and by its ability to retain, use, sell, and profit from that information. MGM understood that it was in fact so benefitted.

127. MGM also understood and appreciated that the PII pertaining to Plaintiffs and Class members was private and confidential and its value depended upon MGM maintaining the privacy and confidentiality of that PII.

128. But for MGM's willingness and commitment to maintain its privacy and confidentiality, Plaintiffs and Class members would not have provided their PII to MGM or would not have permitted MGM to gather additional PII.

129. Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII have an independent value to MGM.

130. MGM admits that it uses the PII it collects for, among other things, "recording and accessing gaming-related activity," "customizing [customers] experience while visiting, using

1 and/or accessing MGM Online Services and/or MGM Resorts,” “protecting and defending MGM
 2 Resorts International and its affiliates against legal actions or claims,” “satisfying contractual
 3 obligations,” “assess[ing] and improv[ing] [its] products and services,” and “conducting internal
 4 research, analytics, and statistical or demographic analysis.”³²

5 131. Because of its use of Plaintiffs’ and Class members’ PII, MGM sold more services
 6 and products than it otherwise would have. MGM was unjustly enriched by profiting from the
 7 additional services and products it was able to market, sell, and create through the use of Plaintiffs’
 8 and Class members’ PII to the detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.
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10 132. MGM also benefitted through its unjust conduct by retaining money paid by
 11 Plaintiffs and Class members that it should have used to provide proper data security to protect
 12 Plaintiffs’ and Class members’ PII.

13 133. It is inequitable for MGM to retain these benefits.

14 134. As a result of MGM’S wrongful conduct as alleged in this Complaint (including
 15 among other things its failure to employ proper data security measures, its continued maintenance
 16 and use of the PII belonging to Plaintiffs and Class members without having proper data security
 17 measures, and its other conduct facilitating the theft of that PII), MGM has been unjustly enriched
 18 at the expense of, and to the detriment of, Plaintiffs and Class members.
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20 135. MGM’S unjust enrichment is traceable to, and resulted directly and proximately
 21 from, the conduct alleged herein, including the compiling and use of Plaintiffs’ and Class
 22 members’ sensitive PII, while at the same time failing to maintain that information secure from
 23 intrusion and theft by hackers and identity thieves.
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28 ³² Privacy Policy, MGM (July 10, 2023), <https://www.mgmresorts.com/en/privacy-policy.html>. (Last visited May 17, 2024)

136. It is inequitable, unfair, and unjust for MGM to retain these wrongfully obtained benefits. MGM'S retention of wrongfully obtained monies would violate fundamental principles of justice, equity, and good conscience.

137. The benefit conferred upon, received, and enjoyed by MGM was not conferred officiously or gratuitously, and it would be inequitable, unfair, and unjust for MGM to retain the benefit.

138. MGM'S defective security and its unfair and deceptive conduct have, among other things, caused Plaintiffs and Class members to unfairly incur substantial time and/or costs to mitigate and monitor the use of their PII and has caused the Plaintiffs and Class members other damages as described herein.

139. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law.

140. MGM is therefore liable to Plaintiffs and Class members for restitution or disgorgement in the amount of the benefit conferred on MGM as a result of its wrongful conduct, including specifically: the value to MGM of the PII that was stolen in the Data Breach; the profits MGM received and is receiving from the use of that information; the amounts that MGM overcharged Plaintiffs and Class members for use of MGM's products and services; and the amounts that MGM should have spent to provide proper data security to protect Plaintiff' sand Class members' PII.

**FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION
BREACH OF CONFIDENCE
(By Plaintiffs and on Behalf of the Class)**

141. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every fact, matter, and allegation set forth above and incorporates them at this point by reference as though set forth in full.

142. Plaintiffs and Class members maintained a confidential relationship with MGM whereby MGM undertook a duty not to disclose to unauthorized parties the PII that Plaintiffs and

1 Class members provide to MGM. Such PII was confidential and novel, highly personal and
2 sensitive, and not generally known.

3 143. MGM knew Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII was disclosed in confidence and
4 understood the confidence was to be maintained, including by expressly and implicitly agreeing
5 to protect the confidentiality and security of the PII it collected, stored, and maintained.

6 144. As a result of the Data Breach, there was an unauthorized disclosure of Plaintiffs'
7 and Class members' PII in violation of this understanding. The unauthorized disclosure occurred
8 because MGM failed to implement and maintain reasonable safeguards to protect the PII in its
9 possession and failed to comply with industry-standard data security practices.

10 145. Plaintiffs and Class members were harmed by way of an unconsented disclosure of
11 their confidential information to an unauthorized third party.

12 146. But for MGM'S actions and inactions in violation of the parties' understanding of
13 confidence, the PII of Plaintiffs and Class members would not have been compromised, stolen,
14 viewed, accessed, and used by unauthorized third parties. MGM'S actions and inaction were the
15 direct and legal cause of the theft of Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII, as well as the resulting
16 damages.

17 147. The injury and harm Plaintiffs and Class members suffered was the reasonably
18 foreseeable result of MGM'S unauthorized disclosure of Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII. MGM
19 knew its computer systems and technologies for accepting, securing, and storing Plaintiffs' and
20 Class members' PII had serious security vulnerabilities because MGM failed to observe even basic
21 information security practices or correct known security vulnerabilities.

22 148. As a direct and proximate result of MGM'S breach of confidence, Plaintiffs and
23 Class members have been injured and are entitled to damages in an amount to be proven at trial.
24 Such injuries include one or more of the following: ongoing, imminent, certainly impending threat
25 of identity theft crimes, fraud, and other misuse, resulting in monetary loss and economic harm;

1 actual identity theft crimes, fraud, and other misuse, resulting in monetary loss and economic harm;
 2 loss of the value of their privacy and the confidentiality of the stolen PII; illegal sale of the
 3 compromised PII on the black market; mitigation expenses and time spent on credit monitoring,
 4 identity theft insurance, and credit freezes and unfreezes; time spent in response to the Data Breach
 5 reviewing bank statements, credit card statements, and credit reports, among other related
 6 activities; expenses and time spent initiating fraud alerts; decreased credit scores and ratings; lost
 7 work time; lost value of the PII; the amount of the actuarial present value of ongoing high-quality
 8 identity defense and credit monitoring services made necessary as mitigation measures because of
 9 MGM'S Data Breach; lost benefit of their bargains and overcharges for services or products;
 10 nominal and general damages; and other economic and non-economic harm.
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12 149. By collecting and storing this PII and using it for commercial gain, MGM has a
 13 duty of care to use reasonable means to secure and safeguard this PII to prevent disclosure and
 14 guard against theft of the PII.
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16 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

17 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs and the Class pray for judgment against Defendant as follows:

- 18 a. An order certifying this action as a class action under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23,
 19 defining the Class as requested herein, appointing the undersigned as Class Counsel, and
 20 finding that Plaintiffs is a proper representative of the Class requested herein;
- 21 b. For injunctive and other equitable relief as necessary to protect the interests of Plaintiffs
 22 and the Class as requested herein;
- 23 c. For an award of compensatory, consequential, and general damages, including nominal
 24 damages, as allowed by law in an amount to be determined;
- 25 d. For an award of restitution or disgorgement, in an amount to be determined;
- 26 e. For an award of attorneys' fees, costs, and litigation expenses, as allowed by law;
- 27 f. For prejudgment interest on all amounts awarded; and
- 28 g. Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiffs demands a trial by jury on all triable issues.

DATED this 29th day of May, 2024.

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